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Title:	PARTIALLY RESORBABLE CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISTRACTION DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES		

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 6, 2008 and the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2008, the period of response for which runs through September 9, 2008, to which a three month extension of time has been obtained, extending the period of response to December 9, 2008 please amend the application as follows. This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.